Local Mandate Fiscal Impact Estimate Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2017 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 1472						
Bill #: HB 356						
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to DNA.						
Sponsor: Representative Reginald K. Meeks						
Unit of Government: X City X County Y Urban-County Unified Local						
X Charter County X Consolidated Local X Government						
Office(s) Impacted: Local law enforcement and jailers.						
Requirement: X Mandatory Optional						
Effect on Powers & Duties: Modifies ExistingX Adds New Eliminates Existing						

Part II: Purpose and Mechanics

HB 356 requires local law enforcement agencies and jailers to obtain a DNA sample of any adult arrested, indicted, or otherwise charged with a felony. This DNA sample will be remitted to and kept on file by the Kentucky State Police (KSP) forensic lab. KSP will provide necessary supplies and containers at no cost to the local agency. The local agency collecting the DNA sample will receive \$5 payment for each sample collected. The local law enforcement agency, not fiscal court or city government, will receive the payment from the State Treasury.

HB 356 also addresses the responsibility of the Department of Kentucky State Police once the sample is received regarding procedures, completion rate, and equipment failure. This is outside the purview of this local mandate.

Part III: Fiscal Explanation, Bill Provisions, and Estimated Cost

The fiscal impact of HB 356 on local governments is expected to be minimal.

The actual training, as well as all supplies and containers will be provided free to local agencies by KSP. There may be a cost to the local agency to attend the training, as well as personnel cost to cover the shifts of those employees in training. The larger agencies may experience minor personnel issues resulting from the time necessary to obtain the DNA sample. If the arresting officer is responsible for obtaining the sample there will be time taken from the officer's other duties.

While the cost to local government will be minimal, the initial cost to the State Treasury regarding the \$5 payment to the arresting agency is estimated at a maximum of \$203,640. This is based on 40,728 felony arrests. These arrests include single and multiple felony offense charges per arrest. Depending on the type of any prior felony offense (i.e. sexual assault), a number of these arrestees may have already submitted to a DNA sample prior to this program. This figure does not include the cost of supplies which will be absorbed by the KSP or the training which will also be provided free of cost by the KSP.

It may be assumed that if the bill passes, the cost to the State Treasury and consequently, the amount going to local governments, will decrease over time, as DNA samples will have already been collected on repeat offenders. The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) puts the percentage for repeat felon arrest in the country's 75 largest counties as high as 75%. Additional BJS data states three in four former prisoners in 30 states are arrested within five years of release. Kentucky-specific data regarding repeat offenders is not readily available, but assuming the BJS data of 75% recidivism, over a 10 year cycle, DNA samples may only be needed on approximately 9,300 felony arrestees annually.

Attached is a breakdown of estimated felony arrest per county. When estimating the impact to a specific local agency at \$5 per sample, keep in mind the current and future impact of repeat offenders and lower the estimate accordingly.

Data Source(s): LRC Staff, Administrative Offices of the court, Department of Kentucky

State Police

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COUNTY	NUMBER OF FELONY ARREST	COUNTY	NUMBER OF FELONY ARREST	COUNTY	NUMBER OF FELONY ARREST
ADAIR	201	GRANT	208	MCLEAN	55
ALLEN	106	GRAVES	567	MEADE	230
ANDERSON	112	GRAYSON	148	MENIFEE	4
BALLARD	32	GREEN	40	MERCER	136
BARREN	460	GREENUP	75	METCALFE	37
BATH	91	HANCOCK	11	MONROE	87
BELL	482	HARDIN	890	MONTGOMERY	285
BOONE	1,005	HARLAN	524	MORGAN	46
BOURBON	199	HARRISON	108	MUHLENBERG	261
BOYD	489	HART	224	NELSON	468
BOYLE	275	HENDERSON	536	NICHOLAS	37
BRACKEN	19	HENRY	156	ОНЮ	203
BREATHITT	74	HICKMAN	51	OLDHAM	268
BRECKINRIDGE	61	HOPKINS	650	OWEN	37
BULLITT	508	JACKSON	19	OWSLEY	79
BUTLER	130	JEFFERSON	8,525	PENDLETON	67
CALDWELL	134	JESSAMINE	506	PERRY	277
CALLOWAY	238	JOHNSON	239	PIKE	360
CAMPBELL	901	KENTON	1,393	POWELL	89
CARLISLE	37	KNOTT	104	PULASKI	456
CARROLL	173	KNOX	127	ROBERTSON	4
CARTER	178	LARUE	103	ROCKCASTLE	304
CASEY	80	LAUREL	619	ROWAN	226
CHRISTIAN	965	LAWRENCE	58	RUSSELL	51
CLARK	368	LEE	116	SCOTT	315
CLAY	207	LESLIE	31	SHELBY	383
CLINTON	68	LETCHER	93	SIMPSON	154
CRITTENDEN	64	LEWIS	46	SPENCER	56
CUMBERLAND	59	LINCOLN	223	TAYLOR	392
DAVIESS	1,371	LIVINGSTON	44	TODD	140
EDMONSON	108	LOGAN	428	TRIGG	129
ELLIOTT	25	LYON	85	TRIMBLE	81
ESTILL	95	MADISON	955	UNION	182
FAYETTE	2,615	MAGOFFIN	47	WARREN	1,277
FLEMING	91	MARION	228	WASHINGTON	51
FLOYD	199	MARSHALL	236	WAYNE	243
FRANKLIN	526	MARTIN	96	WEBSTER	70
FULTON	124	MASON	254	WHITLEY	184
GALLATIN	65	MCCRACKEN	793	WOLFE	70
GARRARD	99	MCCREARY	229	WOODFORD	119
				Total felony arrest:	40,728
				\$5 Fee:	
				Total cost:	\$ 203,6

^{*}Based on 11 months of 2015 data annualized.